

Provocative? Hot take? Real talk? In the wake of Hurricane Milton, Tallahassee resident, yard-rewilder, and conservation advocate – and author – Jeff VanDermeer tweeted this:

“Florida politicians have failed us while dismantling regulation and pandering to developers. This has made all of us less safe. You simply CANNOT build in parts of Florida without severe repercussions, but the legislature and developers have done so anyway.

“I want to emphasize this: Florida was more prepared for hurricanes fifteen years ago with much better regulation and land use ordinances than today. Developers have left us much more vulnerable by building in places they shouldn't have, aided and abetted by Republican governors.”

LINK:

<https://x.com/jeffvandermeer/status/1844078631624360349?s=43&t=p0TQuSEsAUqiFDeSdc0luA>

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[ExxonMobil scientists in 1982](#) released an internal memo stating their prediction that continued fossil fuel use at increasing rates would lead to “catastrophic events.” That didn’t slow the company from producing more and more oil.

Profits over planet. Profits over people.

LINK: <https://heated.world/p/how-fossil-fuels-mutated-milton>

[Fossil Fuel companies have spent billions](#) in advertising trying to convince the world – successfully – that their product, despite its harms, is necessary to sustain our quality of life.

LINK: <https://grist.org/energy/big-oil-spent-3-6-billion-on-climate-ads-and-its-working/>

[They continue doing so.](#)

LINK: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/vitascarosella/2024/09/18/fossil-fuel-companies-spend-56-billion-to-advertise-in-sports/>

Big Oil’s latest tactic in suppressing dissent over its product’s disastrous environmental impacts is working with politicians to [strengthen anti-demonstration/free speech laws](#) that now threaten protestors with up to 10 years in prison.

LINK: [https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/sep/26/anti-protest-laws-fossil-fuel-lobby?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/sep/26/anti-protest-laws-fossil-fuel-lobby?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

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An unknown amount of [raw sewage spilled into the Matanzas River](#) Wednesday night as Hurricane Milton rainfall severed a major sewer main at the Anastasia Island Wastewater Treatment Facility.

LINK: <https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/weather/hurricane/hurricane-milton/unknown-amount-of-sewage-spills-into-matanzas-river-after-hurricane-milton-severs-major-sewer-main-in-st-augustine-st-johns-county-riverkeeper/77-ebb7de3e-8be8-4a70-a3b9-5162c4a08f67>

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The Florida Wildlife Federation has become the latest in a growing list of conservation organizations, including the Florida Native Plant Society, [encouraging voters to VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2](#), the misleading “Right to Hunt and Fish.”

LINK: <https://floridawildlifefederation.org/vote-no-on-2/>

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[Trophy hunters endorse Donald Trump and Rick Scott](#). These are the millionaires and billionaires who spend hundreds of thousands of dollars traveling the world to kill rhinos, jaguars, pygmy hippos, elephants, lions, etc.

LINK: <https://meidasnews.com/news/88-maga-republicans-including-trump-endorsed-by-trophy-hunting-group>

Donald Trump, [the most anti-nature president in American history](#), and Rick Scott, the man who [dismantled environmental regulation and smart growth measures in Florida](#) as governor to support his friends in development.

LINK: <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/anti-nature-president-u-s-history/>

LINK: <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/09102024/florida-senate-race-vastly-different-climate-views/>